

# **City CONNECTION**

## **MORGAN HILL NEWS**

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**Saturday, October 28th**



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## MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY GUIDE

### EVENTS CALENDAR

#### ART EXHIBITS COMING TO THE CCC THIS FALL

##### September 11 - October 27 | *Arts Connect*

An exhibit by students attending Santa Clara County Schools. Come out and support these talented young artists at a special reception held in their honor on Friday, September 30, from 6:30-8pm.

##### November 6 - December 22 | *Centennial Art Exhibit*

Date of artist reception to be announced.

#### COMING TO THE COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE

17090 Monterey Road, Downtown Morgan Hill • 408-782-0008

##### September 15 - October 6 | *"1776"*

Presented by South Valley Civic Theater  
Tickets available at the Community Center. For additional information call 842-SHOW or visit [www.svct.org](http://www.svct.org).

##### October 17 - December 9 | *"Treasure Island"*

Presented by South Valley Civic Theater  
Tickets available at the Community Center. For additional information call 842-SHOW or visit [www.svct.org](http://www.svct.org).

##### November 10, 11 and 12 | *Poppy Jasper Film Festival*

Friday 1:00 p.m. - Film Screenings  
7:00 p.m. - Opening Night  
(includes the Juror's Selection film screenings)  
Saturday 2:00 p.m. - Women in Film panel discussion  
7:00 p.m. - Keynote Speaker Address  
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - Film Screenings  
4:00 p.m. - Awards Ceremony

For additional information contact Kim Bush at 590-7662 or [www.poppyjasperfilmfest.org](mailto:www.poppyjasperfilmfest.org). For tickets visit [info@poppyjasper.org](mailto:info@poppyjasper.org).

##### September 6 - December 20 | *Gavilan College "Film Classics"*

Wednesdays from 12:55 to 4:05 P.M. This course provides an introduction to the cinema for adults 55+. Classes are free and there are no tests or quizzes!

For additional information contact Fran Lopez at 408-848-4859  
Gavilan College Community Development Office

##### Last Thursday Of Every Month | *Comedy Night at the Playhouse*

Tickets at the door - \$10  
Doors open at 7:30 P.M. - shows begin at 8 P.M.  
(not recommended for children under 18)  
Note: No Show on Thanksgiving Day, November 23

##### October 12 and October 13 | *Magique Bazaar - Magic Show*

Friday, October 13 at 8 P.M. Special Preview Show on Thursday, October 12 at 8 P.M. Tickets: \$20 at door or \$15 advance. Advance tickets available at the Community Center. Recommended for all ages.

##### October 27 | *House Of Intimate Magic - Magic Show*

Friday, October 27th at 8 P.M. Tickets: \$35 at door or \$30 advance. Advance tickets available at the Community Center and Booksmart. Recommended for adults and children 13 and over.

For additional information on all Playhouse performances call Karen Lengsfeld at the Morgan Hill Community Playhouse 408-782-0008



#### CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor <b>Dennis Kennedy</b>	779-7259
Mayor Pro Tempore <b>Mark Grzan</b>	779-7259
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Councilmember <b>Greg Sellers</b>	779-7259
Councilmember <b>Steve Tate</b>	779-7259
City Clerk <b>Irma Torrez</b>	779-7259
City Treasurer <b>Michael Roorda</b>	778-3653

#### CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF

City Manager **J. Edward Tewes**  
City Attorney **Janet Kern**  
Assistant to the City Manager **Brian Stott**  
Business Assistance/Housing Services Director **Garrett Toy**  
Community Development Director **Kathy Molloy Previsich**  
Council Services and Records Manager **Irma Torrez**  
Finance Director **Jack Dilles**  
Human Resources Director **Mary Kaye Fisher**  
Police Chief **Bruce Cumming**  
Public Works Director **Jim Ashcraft**  
Recreation and Community Services Director **Steve Rymer**

#### CONTACTING YOUR CITY

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Community and Cultural Center	782-0008
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Environmental Programs	779-7247
Finance	779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire)	378-4010
Job Hotline	779-7276
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Police Administration	776-7315
Public Works	776-7337
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# A General Municipal Election Will Be Held On Tuesday, November 7

The City of Morgan Hill conducts general municipal elections during the month of November, in even years, to elect a mayor, council members, a city clerk and a city treasurer. November 7 is the next general municipal election in which a mayor and two council members will be elected. The candidate elected for mayor will serve the citizens of Morgan Hill for a two-year term. Council members are elected to four-year terms.

In order to be eligible to run for elected office, a candidate must be 18 years of age by Election Day, a citizen of the State of California, a resident of Morgan Hill, a registered voter and not otherwise disqualified from holding a civil office by the Constitution or the laws of the State of California. Candidates need 20 registered voters who reside within the city limits of Morgan Hill to be nominated for elected office.

Seven individuals stepped forward and have qualified to run for elective office and serve the citizens of Morgan Hill. The November 7 ballot will include the following candidates:

**For Mayor:** Dennis Delisle and Steve Tate (one seat open)

**For Members of the City Council:** Chris Borello, Alex Kennett, Marby Lee, Greg Sellers, and Al Tervalon (two seats open)

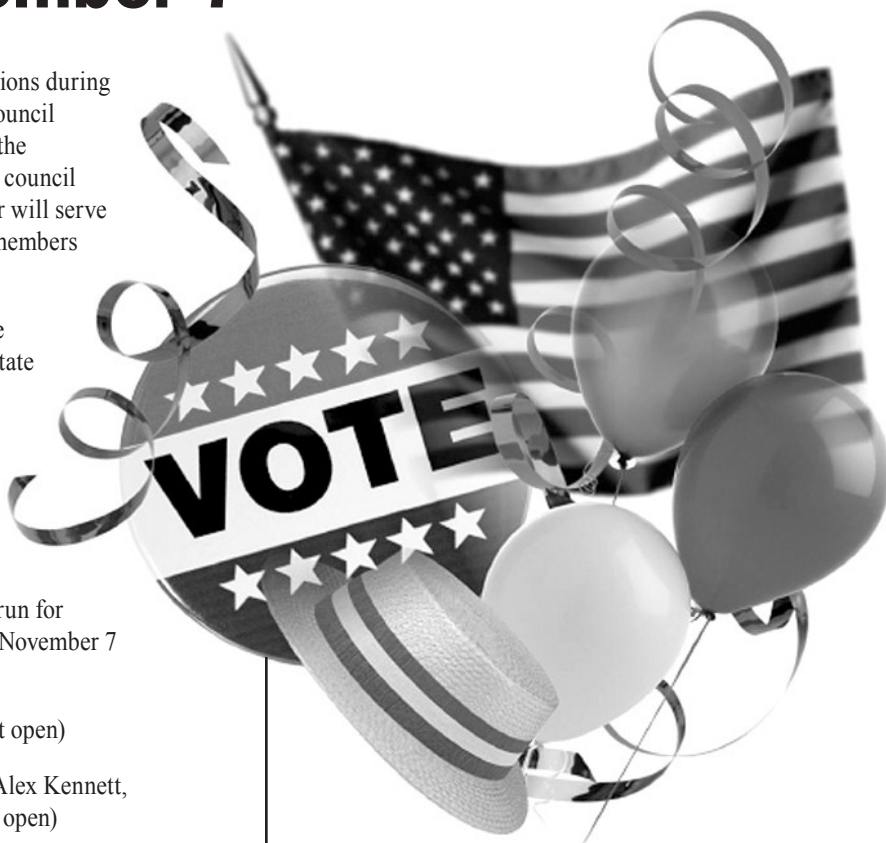
In addition, the City Council initiated a measure that will appear on the November 7, 2006 ballot. Citizens of Morgan Hill will be asked to vote on the following question:

<p><b>MEASURE F</b></p> <p>Shall an ordinance be adopted to amend the Morgan Hill General Plan and Municipal Code Residential Development Control System to allow 100 additional residential allotments for projects of up to 25 units within the Downtown Core; and allowing earlier starts and completions for projects located within the Downtown RDCS Boundary allotted in March 2006; provided that all projects are consistent with the Downtown Plan and meet minimum RDCS scores?</p>	YES
	NO

## LAST DAY TO REGISTER

October 23 is the last day to register to vote in the November 7 election. Registration materials are available at City Hall and numerous other locations.

**Please remember to cast your important vote!**



## Volunteers Needed for November 7th Election

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is looking for volunteer Election Officers to serve in the upcoming November 7th election.

Becoming an Election Officer is a great way for voters to serve their communities and make a contribution to democracy. Election Officers earn a stipend of \$85 or more for working on Election Day.

Election Officers are responsible for setting up the polling place, processing voters and providing assistance as requested. Election Officers must be registered to vote in the state of California and attend a training class.

Volunteers can sign up online at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org) or by calling (408) 299-POLL [7655].



The Centennial Recreation Center was built to promote multi-generational interaction and advance the physical well being of our community. The City and YMCA will be operating the facility in partnership to provide high quality health and fitness, aquatics, youth, teen, family, and senior programs for Morgan Hill residents and the surrounding community to enjoy!

The Centennial Recreation Center is a 52,000 square-foot facility that offers a wide variety of fitness, recreational, and social activities for individuals and families. There is a monthly membership fee for use of the fitness portion of the facility. The Teen Center and Senior Center are free for drop in use. You can sign up now to become a Charter Member of the Centennial Recreation Center at any of the following locations:

Mt. Madonna YMCA - 17666 Crest Avenue

Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center - 17000 Monterey Road

Morgan Hill Aquatics Center - 16200 Condit Road

You will be able to sign up on site at the Centennial Recreation Center during limited hours beginning October 2 and the facility will open its doors to Charter Members on October 14.

For more information: 782-2128 • [www.mhcrc.com](http://www.mhcrc.com)

## Fitness Facility Hours:

**Monday-Friday 5 am - 10 pm**

**Saturday 6:30 am - 8 pm**

**Sunday 8 am - 6 pm**

## Fitness Center

*The Fitness Center offers strength and cardiovascular equipment that includes treadmills, elliptical machines, stationary bikes and free weights. Certified, professionally trained staff are available to assist you and help you reach your fitness goals.*

## Kids' Zone

*CRC members will be able to drop their children off at the CRC Kids' Zone while they work out at the facility.*

## Gymnasium

*The Centennial Recreation Center offers a full court gymnasium. The gymnasium is available for open gym, volleyball, basketball, badminton, and soccer.*

## Pool

*The CRC swimming pool offers year-round recreation swimming and swim lessons for youth. The indoor facility includes a water slide and water play feature open during designated times. Members will have access to the pool for lap swim and water fitness classes.*

## Senior Center

*The Senior Center is open from 10am - 2pm. The Center provides programs and services from Outreach and referral services to parties, card games, speakers, senior nutrition, computers, exercise and more. The Senior Nutrition Program offers delicious weekday lunches and social time.*

## Teen Center

*Teens (ages 13-18) will be able to drop in to the Teen Center to utilize the computer lab, socialize, work on homework, or participate in a variety of activities. The Teen Center is open Monday-Thursday 3pm-8pm, Friday 3pm-10pm and Saturday 2:30pm-8pm.*



# CRC Grand Opening Schedule

## Saturday, October 28th

### General Schedule

- 10:00AM Grand Opening Celebration Begins
- 10:30AM Sobrato High School Band Performance
- 11:00AM Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 11:30AM Council Member Free Throw Contest followed by a Group Fitness Activity
- 12:30PM Community Performances in the Gym

### Community & Senior Resource Fairs

- 10:00AM-3:00PM Multiple community organizations will be on hand to provide information on various services available to community members. In addition to many organizations that serve the general population, a variety of senior specific organizations will be present inside the Senior Center.

### Fitness Program Demos

- 10:00AM Senior Aerobics in the Multi-Purpose Room
- 12:00PM Cycling Demo
- 12:30PM Boot Camp Demo
- 1:00PM Yoga Demo

### Lunch

- 12:00PM-2:00PM Free BBQ Lunch
- 12:00PM-1:00PM Senior Lunch followed by Senior Bingo

***Guided tours of the facility will be provided by CRC staff every 15 minutes beginning at noon.***

### Youth Activities

- 10:00AM-3:00PM Free Recreation Swim in the Centennial Recreation Center's Indoor Pool
- 12:00PM-3:00PM Face Painting, Animal Balloons, Music and Movement Games begin in the Kids' Zone and Party Room

### Teen Activities (Ages 13-18)

- 12:00PM-7:00PM Teen Center will be open for teens and parents to take a look at the new facility.
- 7:00PM-10:00PM Teen Dance in the Gym

# Town Hall Meeting For The Redevelopment Plan Amendment

The Redevelopment Agency will be holding a second Morgan Hill Town Hall meeting to discuss the Redevelopment Agency's plan amendment on October 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Community and Cultural Center's Playhouse at 17000 Monterey Road. We welcome all questions, comments and ideas. Staff members of the RDA will be on hand to answer your questions and take note of your comments to pass on to the City Council. For more information about the town hall meeting, plan amendment, or Redevelopment Agency, please go to the City's website at [www.morganhill.ca.gov](http://www.morganhill.ca.gov) or contact Garrett Toy at the RDA at 776-7373 or [garrett.toy@morganhill.ca.gov](mailto:garrett.toy@morganhill.ca.gov).



## Poppy Jasper Film Festival Returns to Morgan Hill

The City is proud to be an official cosponsor of the 3rd Annual Poppy Jasper Film Festival. This popular event will screen short, original movies at the Community Playhouse and other venues throughout the City the weekend of November 10-12. Highlights include:

- A variety of submissions from many genres including four international films;
- A special category called, "Expressions From Morgan Hill" featuring submissions by Morgan Hill residents. A film created by internationally-known Morgan Hill business owner Geoff Fox (Fox Racing) called "Three Soldiers" will be shown in this category;
- A Special Opening Night Reception hosted by KTVU-Channel 2 reporter Diane Guerrazzi;
- The return of the Women in Film panel discussion.

Tickets for the event will be available at a variety of locations including the festival website at <http://www.poppyjasperfilmfest.org/index.htm>.

## As The Weather Changes, So Should Your Watering Schedule.

When you FALL BACK, remember that...

- In early October, plants need about half as much water as they do in the summer. For example, if your summer watering schedule was for 48 minutes per week, you can reduce it to 24 minutes per week.\*
- Beginning early December you should turn off ALL irrigation systems for the Winter.
- You can call 800-548-1882 to schedule a FREE Water-Wise House Call.
- You can contact the Santa Clara Valley Water District at 408.265.2607 ext. 2554 for conservation information and other water-wise gardening and irrigation tips or visit their website at [www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org)

\*If October is warmer than normal years, wait a few weeks before reducing your irrigation.

## You're invited to a 100th birthday celebration for...Morgan Hill !

What: Children's 7th Annual Art ala Carte

Where: Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center

When: Saturday, October 21, 11am-3pm

**Free arts and crafts, entertainment, face painting, animal balloons, clowns, stilt walkers, music, and more**

Thank you to our sponsors:

City of Morgan Hill, First 5 of Santa Clara County, Go Kids, A Children's Garden, South Valley National Bank, and Coyote Valley Sporting Clays



# Daffodilpalooza



## Don't Be Scared to Donate That Old Halloween Costume

Is your costume closet overflowing? Do you still have your teenager's fireman costume from when he was four? Would you like to create some space in your home? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the City's 3rd Annual Halloween Costume Collection is the event for you.

The event is quite simple. YOU have costumes that you or your children no longer need, want, or fit into. The COMMUNITY has less fortunate people who can't afford to spend lavishly on costumes. The CITY has a building where we can easily collect them.

So, from November 1 -4, you can bring your used costumes to the Community and Cultural Center between 8 and 5. Look for the big pumpkin collection bin and be sure to ask for your special recycling reward. We will donate the costumes collected to Community Solutions and they will distribute them in the community.

Thanks for donating and recycling, Morgan Hill!



***Fall has arrived and presents its annual opportunity to think about .... the Spring! Now is the time to plant flower bulbs that will beautify your yard, and our town, in the Spring.***

***For the fourth year in a row, the City will be partnering with Johnson Lumber and Garden Center to make daffodils available to Morgan Hill residents. We provide the daffodils, you provide the labor and the yard.***

***When: October 14***

***Where: At the Johnson Garden Center at 520 Tennant Ave.***

***What: Up to 20 daffodils per Morgan Hill Household***

***The One Rule: Daffodils should be planted in public view.***

***The City thanks Johnson Garden Center for their generous support of this event.***





CITY OF MORGAN HILL

## CENTENNIAL RECREATION CENTER

TOGETHER WITH THE YMCA

**Join now!**

Centennial Recreation Center  
171 W. Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill  
(408) 762-6000  
[www.mhcrc.com](http://www.mhcrc.com)

**Become a Charter Member and enjoy:**

- 2 weeks **FREE** (Oct. 14-28)
- **FREE** gift package

Indoor Aquatics Center  
Cardio and Fitness Center  
Group Exercise Classes  
Full-court Gymnasium  
Free Child Watch • Teen Center  
Senior Center • Locker Rooms

**FREE** access to all  
YMCA of Santa Clara Valley locations

Sign up at:  
Mt. Madonna YMCA  
17666 Crest Ave., Morgan Hill, (408) 762-6000  
For hours, call or visit [www.mhcrc.com](http://www.mhcrc.com)



## Grand Opening Celebration

Saturday, October 28, 2006

Activities begin at 10:00 AM !

Recreational swimming • Youth performances  
Health and fitness demonstrations • Arts and crafts • Entertainment • BBQ

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